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UNCLAS MONROVIA 2348

E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: EAIR, LI,US

SUBJECT: CIVAIR: CRASH OF MESURADO FISH CESSNA 401A

REF: STATE 099838

CESSNA FOR BELL (INTERNATIONAL DIV.) FROM PORTER

BRUSSELS AND LAGOS FOR FAA

1. WE CAN NOW CONFIRM THAT ALL SIX PASSENGERS ON BOARD MESURADO FISH CESSNA 401A WHICH CRASHED APRIL 28, WERE LOST. PASSENGERS INCLUDED FINANCE MINISTER STEPHEN A. TOLBERT, BROTHER OF LIBERIAN PRESIDENT. TOLBERT'S AND AT LEAST TWO OTHER BODIES RECOVERED.

2. ANSWERS TO CESSNA QUESTIONS CONTAINED REFTEL AS FOLLOWS:

A. LOCATION OF CRASH: 005-01-15 NORTH, 009-04-30 WEST. IMPACT APPROXIMATELY 500 YARDS OFFSHORE IN ESTIMATED 30-50 FEET OF WATER.

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IMPACT ESTIMATED 25 DEGREES AND ONE NAUTICAL MILE FROM END

OF SINOE (GREENVILLE) AIRPORT.

B. CRASHED AT SEA.

C. MAJOR PORTION OF WRECKAGE WAS RAISED BY TUGBOAT AND TOWED INTO PORT. SOME PIECES MAY STILL BE UNDISTURBED.

D. THERE WERE WITNESSES TO ACCIDENT, BUT EMBASSY DOES NOT KNOW HOW QUALIFIED THEY MAY BE AS OBSERVERS.

E. THERE WAS NO RADIO COMMUNICATION RECEIVED FROM FLIGHT THAT EMBASSY IS AWARE OF.

F. WEATHER CONDITIONS AT TIME OF ACCIDENT WERE REPORTED TO BE VFR.

G. PRESUME FLIGHT WAS NIGHT VFR BUT PILOT WAS INSTRUMENT RATED. AIRPORT IS UNLIGHTED AND CLOSES AT SUNSET.

H. NO STATEMENT ON PROBABLE CAUSE OF ACCIDENT AVAILABLE AT PRESENT. NUMBER OF SPECULATIONS WHICH CESSNA REPRESENTATIVE CAN DISCUSS WITH INDIVIDUALS UPON ARRIVAL MONROVIA.

I. EMBASSY WILL ASSIST IMMIGRATION CLEARANCE AT AIRPORT IF CESSNA REP ARRIVES WITHOUT VISA. EMBASSY REQUIRES: (1) NAME OF INDIVIDUAL(S); (2) DATE AND PLACE OF BIRTH; (3) PASSPORT NUMBER(S); AND (4) ARRIVAL TIME (INCLUDING AIRLINE FLIGHT NUMBER).

3. FYI: AIRCRAFT HAS BEEN GROUNDED FOR SOME MONTHS FOLLOWING PREVIOUS CRASH DURING WHICH TIME REPAIRS WERE MADE BY THE EXECUTIVE AIR WING (LOCAL CESSNA DEALER). CHECK FLIGHT WAS MADE (APPROXIMATELY THREE HOURS) APRIL 25, AND AIRCRAFT WAS CLEARED. JAMES CALHOUN (FORMER CESSNA EMPLOYEE) HAS MAINTENANCE RECORDS. AIRCRAFT REPORTEDLY MADE SEVERAL OTHER FLIGHTS DAY OF CRASH. WHILE NO OFFICIAL CHARGES HAVE BEEN MADE AGAINST CESSNA, INDIVIDUALS OR AIRCRAFT, SPECULATION RUNNING HIGH AND CESSNA REP(S) SHOULD BE PREPARED ANSWER TOUGH QUESTIONS ON THIS HIGHLY SENSITIVE ISSUE. ALSO OFFICIAL PRESIDENTIAL AIRCRAFT IS CESSNA 402.

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4. REQUEST YOU NOTIFY EMBASSY OF INFORMATION REQUESTED ABOVE (PARA 2, I).  
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